ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

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This Distinguished American Journalist Is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Misstonary from a Purely Disinterested, Secular and Non-Secturian Standpoint. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

PICTURESQUE OLD KOREA IS NOW "GETTING RELIGION."

Seoul, Korea.-To get close to the truth, personify the simple life. among country villages where there by a recital of this concrete experi-

Sometimes the missionary on tour and then, mounting on top of it, men missionaries often travel in chairs, borne by coolies. In the present instance we walked, and two coolies carried our packs containing folding cots, bedding, food and cooking utensils. It is impossible for most white persons to subsist in health upon the Korean diet of rice and pickled vegetables. As to the matter of sleeping-more of that

The Orient Which Changes Not. A pedestrian tour through rural Korea is better worth while than the same amount of time spent in Seoul. The first afternoon we traveled for five hours over the narrow paths between rice fields which serve for known outside of the cities, though

actual facts of missionary work The best room in one of the largest out comment, the missionary began ceiling, which was a lofty one for wide. There was a small window, likewise of paper, on either side of the room. The dimensions of the latsionary congratulated himself on our

While we were at supper a Korean Christian entered with the news that in a small village two hours farther on where no missionary had visited, a group of believers (that word is commonly used in Korea) had recently sprung up, numbering ten families. They had been visited each Sunday by the Christians from our village and given instruction, but they wanted the missionary to visit them and establish a catechumen class. Mr. Hall's program was too full on the present tour to admit of this. In our stopping place the elder further resower. Wheeled vehicles are un- ticular community illustrates the phenomenal Christianization of this coun-

cacy would better be passed over withers" of the local church, and a visitof our sleeping room, and the candi-The first was a man of 40 who had a boy of 12, son of Christian parents. Then came a young man of 28, then an old man. A bright boy of 12, with his hair up in a top-knot, in token of year to a girl of 15, also a believer. the park enjoying the day, relates the Although married, these children re Woman's Home Companion. side with their own parents; the missionary instructed them to do so until years for a girl and 18 for a man. play?" Many such practical problems as these arise among a people fresh from rank heathenism.

several hours, and having the questhe fitness of the candidates for church membership is very rigidly guarded. The examination is much more rigid than a person has to undergo in order to become a member of a church in America. I told the mis of the norther territory, Australia, who sionary that I would not risk it my combines a genius for mathematics self; he requires almost a theological with a passion for music, claims to education on the part of converts, have invented a machine which will This strictness is necessary, however, secure perpetual motion. He is now to keep the people from joining the in Adelaide, the capital of South Auschurch from un-Christian motives; it tralia, seeking the means of testing would be easy otherwise to turn Christ the feasibility of his mechanism. He tianity to political uses in Korea. I explains that the forces which he prowas pleased to note that the strict- poses to use are gravitation and moness of the examination was abated mentum and he had to come to Adein the case of some ignorant peasant laide to seek the assistance of the abwomen. One had been a believer nine orinines department in procuring four years, and the leaders testified to her beveled wheels, a spindle, a tube and piety; so, although she could not read so on. He is confident that when he nor answer many of the questions, she gets these requisites he can put towas taken into the church.

All day long the missionary worked perpetual motion appreciably nearer. over these examinations, and at five o'clock he had only got through 26 persons; the others would have to tism and 11 retained in the catechumen class for a while longer. Just blew a whistle to summon the village have left?" to church, and the people laid aside their labors and assembled for the one," said Jake, shaking his fist. baptismal service. This was simple. brief and impressive. I think I shall it this way, Suppose you gave him remember the sight of the procession one. of white-robed villagers with Bibles and hymn books under their arms, filing down the hill from the church at

When we hastened away from the village, the people gathered with Jake.-Judge. many good wishes. The simplicity, open-heartedness, and affection of these child-like Christians is really affecting. Because I was with Mr. Hall they considered me a missionary-inlaw, I suppose, and they sent me off with such demonstrations of interest and such repeated benedictions as do not often fall to the lot of a journalist. It was a new sensation. I really liked has been withdrawn. It is asserted it so that when on the day following, that liquids in this bottle can be kept a boy carrying on his back two 15. foot timbers of telegraph-pole thick. and that inced beverages will retain ness (a Korean coolle will carry four their delicious coolness for weeks in times his weight and six times his bulk) stopped me with beaming face and squeezed my arm, I took it for granted that he had seen me at church and I responded with the salatation of "Peace," which I had

learned. As we went on our way from each village some of the elders would ac company us, as the Ephesian elders accompanied the Apostle Paul. The custom is an oriental one, as is also the constantly repeated salutation of

"Peace! Peace!"

Summing up the whole trip, three facts especially impressed me. 1. The receptivity of the Koreans toward Christianity, in eagerness and sincerity. 2. The thoroughness of the work of the missionary, and the vigilance with which church membership is of anything short of an ox. soap and water: the Korean has not guarded. 3. The remarkable fact yet fully learned the godlessness of that the missionary has no time to go put into water that is below the boildirt. None of the people showed the after people or do any pioneer evan ing point and cooked as much is usuforeign influence in their clothes, as is gelistic work; the church is propalally served, remains a pasty, indithe case in Seoul, where even the top- gating itself. Here, in two decades, gestible mass. The cells are tough knot is beginning to disappear. In has been created a native church that and unopened. In addition, the stomthe latter place I saw a boy in church is wholly self-supporting and self-ex- ach of a person sensitively constituted whose dress consisted of Japanese tending. I have no doubt that if the refuses to do anything with the pasty present missionary force in Korea were quadrupled or sextupled at once, ach, the Duodenum, where in consepractically the whole nation would become Christian in less than a score of process of digestion, is fermented and

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School of Household Science. about in the condition of an old vin-Mrs. Tom L. Johnson, wife of the egar barrel. mayor of Cleveland, is one of the many wealthy and prominent women of that city who are backing a training school in household science. In two respects the school is a novelty. In the first place, it offers to board its students free and in the second it proposes to fit its pupils with special reference to serve in homes of luxury. Among the other things they are to perfectly and scientifically cooked at study the deportment proper to such the factory, ready for immediate use an environment. Only girls who come duly recommended will be accepted at

Bunyan's Primitive Flute. The most curious story told of John | the little granules, and gives forth a Bunyan's life in Bedford jail is this: delicate sweetish taste, very palatable. To pass away his gloomy hours he took a leg out of his stool and with sults from the use of Grape-Nuts food. his knife fashioned it into a flute. The It is so perfectly adapted to the wants keepers repeatedly searched his cell of the human body and so easily dito find the cause of the music, but gested that many cases are on record when he heard them coming he would of nursing babes being fed very sucalways replace the leg in the stool, cessfully on it. "There's a Reason." and they never discovered how the music had been produced.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS.

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WAITING FOR THE FUN.

"Something Would Happen."

An old gentleman, rather portly and clad in a somewhat youthful suit of being "a man," had been married a light gray flannel, sat on a bench in

"What's the matter, sonny?" he asked a small urchin who lay on the they have reached the marriageable grass just across the walk and stared age fixed by the church, which is 16 intently. "Why don't you go and

"Don't wanter," the boy replied. "But it is not natural," the old gen-After watching the examinations for quiet. Why don't you run about?" tleman insisted, "for a boy to be so "Oh, I'm just waitin'," the little feltions translated to me, I must say that low answered. "I'm just awaitin' till you get up. A man painted that bench about fifteen minutes ago."

Once More "Perpetual Motion." David Uniapon, a full-blooded native gether a machine which will bring

Jack and the Apple.

It was during an arithmetic class wait until his next visit. Fourteen of la a country school that Jake Bogss the candidates were passed for bap- was called upon to solve a problem. "Now, Jake," began the teacher, "if you have two apples and your little before dusk a leader went out and brother took one how many would you

> "I'd just like to see him try taking "Well," said the teacher, "we'll put

> "Yes; but I wouldn't do it," said Jake.

"Just supposing you did, what would remain?" said the weary teacher.

"A big fool, that's what," replied Good for Fishermen's "Bait."

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Sciemnity of Funeral.

Instead of the accustomed quiet which prevails at the burial of . the tion of the blad- dead, great excitement and fear atder, and the trou- tended the burial the other day of ble had gone so Michael Sereno, a prominent merchant far in five years of Westport, when by the collapsing that my physicians of a grave the coffin and several persaid nothing but sons attending the services were an operation would | hurled into a small pit.

The final prayer had been said by bearing down the preacher, and the assistant to the pains, backaches undertaker stepped to the foot of the coffin to arrange the rope for letting tured me, there the coffin into the grave. At that moment one of the pallbearers accithe kidney secretions were like blood dentally kicked out the crosspiece and passed with intense pain. I had that supported the coffin. The coffin lost 30 pounds when I began using quickly descended into the grave, the body going feet first. The assistant fully nervous. In one week I felt bet- hastened its descent by tumbling on ter and to-day I am a well woman and it. Several persons rushed to the edge of the grave, causing the soil to yield, and in a few seconds five persons were lying in the pit half covered with dirt.

They were pulled out, the coffin was dug out and laid flat, and after the grave had been redug the burial was completed .- N. Y. Press.

TWO SISTERS HAD ECZEMA.

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"Going Some."

Two of our colored brethren were engaged in heated argument. The retort courteous," without the qualifying adjective, had been passed and returned.

Suddenly the larger of the two noved up aggressively. "Yuh nygah, youh! If Ah hit yuh, Ahm a-goin' to knock yuh so fah dat der ain't no raiload train kin bring yuh back!"

The other looked at him a moment peculatively. Then: "Niggah you'seff yuh brack map o' Africa! If Ah hit yuh, Ahm goin' to knock you so fah dat it'll ccs' eight dollars to sen' yoh a postal card!"

Whereupon the tall one, realizing that the limit had been reached, passed his "chaw," and peace reigned again .-- Judge.

Naked Truth.

Francis Wilson tells of an encounter of wits that took place between the late Eugene Field and a New York woman.

It was at dinner, and the woman was in evening dress, which was decollete. After a skirmish between th two relative to the respective merits of a well known author, it would seem that Field came off second best.

"O, Mr. Field," exclaimed the woman, exultantly, "you must admit that you are fairly beaten at your own game!

Field bowed politely, and, with a smile, promptly rejoined: "At any rate, Miss Blank, I have one cousolation; you can't laugh at me in your sleeve."--Lippincott's Magazine.

Another Variety. The farmer met his son at the sta-

"Back from college, eh, boy?" he drawled. "Yes, dad," replied the youth, as he lit another eigarette, "and I tell you I

am glad to get back. Been digging up Greek roots all the season." The old farmer went over to the hardware store and bought a grubbing

"All right, my boy," he announced as he handed over the hoe, "yeou can change yeour exercise during the summer by digging up dogwood and sassa-

Strange Bequests.

fras roots."

In his will Stephen Swain of the parish of St. Olave, Southwark, England, gave to John Abbot and Mary, his wife, sixpence each, "to buy for each of them a halter, for fear the sheriffs should not be provided." John Aylett Stow left the sum of five guineas for the purchase of the picture of a viper biting the hand of his rescuer, to be presented to an emi-

nent K. C. as a reminder of "his ingratitude and insolence." Diversified Existence.

An old brick laboratory in Middletown, Conn., which was torn down Saturday, has been put to many uses, since its erection in 1825. Originally it was a gunhouse, but it has since been used as a hospital, an eatinghouse, a carpenter shop, an icchouse, and an electrical laboratory.

Too Heavy. "But, my good feilow," said the divine, "did you ever take a bath?" "No. sir," the tramp answered humbly. "I never took nothin' bigger's

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HAD MISSED GOOD THING.

Patrick's Joy Dimmed by Thought of Wasted Opportunities.

Patrick, recently arrived and unused to the ways of this country, was as if spelled "vittlers," and the word accosted one day by a member of the sporting fraternity, who offered to im- block, members almost invariably putpart to him, for a modest considera- ting the accent on the wrong syllable. tion, a marvelous way to make money without toiling for it. All one needed, he said, was a small amount to bet on a certain horse that couldn't pos sibly lose. "And yez say Oi can get that money without working for it?" asked the bewildered Irishman, when the other was through explaining. "Sure thing. All the work you got to do is to count the mazuma." "Ill thry it," said Pat. So they hied them to a racecourse, where the sporty-looking gentleman placed Pat's money at odds of five to one. And the horse won! Pat's joy was unbounded when he was banded a large roll of yellow-backed bills. Calling his new-found friend to one side, he asked in a voice that trembled with excitement: "OI say, how long has this thing been goin'

Chinese Jews.

American interest in China since the Boxer rebellion has extended to the Chinese Jews, who settled at Kaifungfu during the Han dynasty that ruled China from 200 B. C. to 200 A. D. The Kaifungfu colony is mentioned occasionally by European travelers, among them Marco Polo in the fourteenth century, while in 1600 and 1704 they were visited by Jesuit mis sionaries. To-day, according to Alfred K. Glover, writing in the Overland Monthly for May, the Chinese Jews are almost extinct, but their records and historical tablets are carefully preserved.

Criticism of Legislators.

Lessons in pronunciation are needed by a number of members of the house. The majority of those who tackle the word "victuallers" insist on pronouncing it phonetically instead municipal is another great stumbling -Boston Record.





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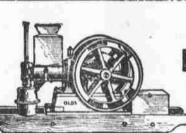
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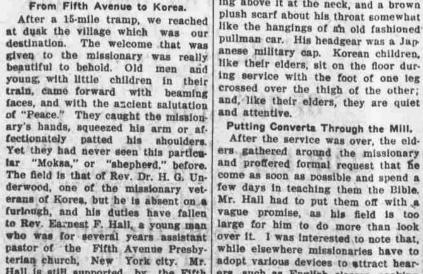
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in any country, as well as of the true farm houses in the village was made the work of examining the 40 applipolitical and social conditions, it is ready for us by the easy process of cants for baptism. The three "leadnecessary to move out from the capi- the family's tumbling out, since the tal or port cities and to sojourn for a room was absolutely devoid of all furing elder from Seoul, sat on the floor time in rural parts. So I have been nishings except a chest for best out seeing the real Korea, itinerating clothes and treasures. From the dates were brought in one by one. are churches, and in the meantime Korea, being seven or eight feet high, learned to read in order to read the seeing at first hand what is said to be hung various articles, such as a Bible, a common experience among the most picturesque people in the cheese-shaped hat box. The entrance the Korean converts. The next was Youngster Had Reason to Expect orient. The "how" of missionary to the room was through a paper-covwork in this country may be set forth | ered doorway four feet high by two puts his outfit on a little Korean pony | ter were 8 feet by 12, so that the misrides. At other times he walks. Wo- roomy quarters. Eight by eight is the normal room. Christianity's Remarkable Growth.

roads in Korea; they are the "way- ported, there were 40 candidates for sides" of the familiar parable of the baptism to be examined. This par-



A Korean Village.

the Koreans have a ponderous two- | try, which is now less than a generawheeled ox-cart which they claim was | tion removed from the rank heaffienthe original wheeled vehicle. Unlike ism and a seclusion which earned for Japan, where only a hand plow is it the title of "The Hermit Nation." used, the Koreans cultivate their The settlement comprises 38 houses fields with oxen. The last of the rice crop had been gathered and the threshing floors of the farm houses in the villages were busy places. There them carrying Bibles and hymn books. are no solitary farm houses in this country; the farmers live in villages and go out to their fields early in the

The Missionary with a Gun. In many of the villages - through which we passed, churches are established; and occasionally we stopped to speak to some native Christian. The "Moksa," or missionary, is a perevent. Of course, all speech is in Korean; there is no such widespread

knowledge of English as in Japan.

As we traversed the country-side the absence of the shrines and idols that mark every Japanese highway was noticeable. Now and then we saw a neglected booth, erected for the the men, had bables on their backs propitiation of some evil spirit. At a pass in the mountains we came to a tree with stones heaped around it; it supposedly embodied an evil spirit, and every traveler casts a stone at it. The hillsides are covered with grave mounds, regarded as sacred, and before some of these are tablets, now and then sculptured crudely into human form. Broadly speaking, however. Korea may be regarded as a

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country without a religion. The country itself is beautiful. largely mountainous, but with fertile valleys. There are many wild fowl. geese, ducks and pheasants, and it is quite usual for the itinerant missionary to carry a gun to provide the meat for his meals. In the interior the missionary occasionally bags a deer or a wild boar; and there is always the possibility of meeting a tiger. Some missionaries, who are a hundred miles from a beefsteak, eat pheasant three times a day because

they cannot afford bacon or ham.

Hall is still supported by the Fifth ers, such as English classes, cooking Avenue church as its representative classes, etc., in Korea the people seem in Kores. Many times during the to want simply the Bible; and the days we were together I wondered missionaries are unable to meet the how often he thinks of the contrast demand for the teaching of it. between Fifth Avenue congregations

and of these 25 are Christian. Practically the entire village turned The singing was led by the missionary, there being no organ. The con-

expresses the attitude of the congregation toward the sermon. While the missionary preached, I watched the people. All except the children were in white. Many of the women, who were curtained off from or at their breasts. Some of the men wore the wide, horn spectacles of the Chinese scholar. All except the few unmarried ones had their hair done up in top-knots, with a brain squeez-

ing black net band around their heads.

Most wore the horse-hair inner cap, The children wore clothes of many colors-pink, yellow and green predominating. Candidly, all would have looked better for an application of imitation of American shoes; stockings with black, yellow and green stripes fastened with a purple garter; white, baggy Korean trousers; a red coat, tied under the arms with lavender ribbon; a pale green sweater peeping above it at the neck, and a brown plush scarf about his throat somewhat like the hangings of an old fashioned pullman car. His headgear was a Jap anese military cap. Korean children, like their elders, sit on the floor during service with the foot of one leg crossed over the thigh of the other;

and, like their elders, they are quiet and attentive. Putting Converts Through the Mill. After the service was over, the elders gathered around the missionary and proffered formal request that he come as soon as possible and spend a few days in teaching them the Bible. vague promise, as his field is too

Early the next morning, after a

out for the evening service, most of gregation is dependent upon his visits for new tunes, though they retain with surprising correctness the ones formerly learned. Mr. Hall also taught the people, by having them repeat the words after him, the first question and answer of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which has lately been renson of distinction, and his passage an dered into Korean. The time-honored figure, "drank in every word," best

and these Korean villagers, who, in night which in the interest of deli-